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TWO INDIANAPOLIS MEN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF OXYCONTIN WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Owen Sharrett, 58, and Kevin Sharrett, 41, both of Indianapolis, were charged today with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute OxyContin, and possession with intent to distribute OxyContin, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Drug Task Force.

The indictment alleges that on January 13, 2010, Owen and Kevin Sharrett possessed OxyContin, a narcotic controlled substance, intending to distribute it. Undercover police officers arranged to buy about 300, 80 milligram tablets of OxyContin for \$15,000 from the Sharretts. They were arrested at a meeting on the south side of Indianapolis after displaying the OxyContin to authorities.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh J. Minkler, who is prosecuting the case for the government, both Sharretts face a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$1,000,000 fine on each count. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the near future.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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